

General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Paul J. Wiedefeld

With more than 30 years of public and private sector transportation management experience, Paul J. Wiedefeld, was appointed General Manager and Chief Executive Officer by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) Board of Directors effective November 30, 2015.

Prior to joining Metro, Mr. Wiedefeld twice served as the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Aviation Administration, managing Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). Under Mr. Wiedefeld's leadership from 2009 to 2015, BWI grew to provide service to 22 million passengers annually, becoming the leading airport in the Washington D.C. region through route expansion and significant airport development.

During his tenure from 2002-2005, Mr. Wiedefeld managed the largest expansion in the Airport's history that included the design and construction of a 26-gate terminal for Southwest airlines, an 8,400-space parking garage and a modern consolidated rental car facility.

From 2007-2009, Mr. Wiedefeld served as Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), managing day-to-day operations of the nation's 13th largest transit system, including commuter rail, subway, light rail, buses and paratransit. During his tenure, the agency expanded the number of locomotives and railcars for the Maryland commuter rail system and negotiated contracts with labor unions.

Mr. Wiedefeld received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Towson University and a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University.